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## ENGROSSED SENATE BILL No. 354

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DIGEST OF SB 354 (Updated February 27, 2014 3:34 pm - DI 109)

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17.

**Synopsis:** Hoosier women veterans program. Establishes the Hoosier women veterans program to provide information and services to Indiana's women veterans. Allows a county executive to appoint a county service officer for a four (4) year term.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

January 23, 2014, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 27, 2014, read second time, ordered engrossed.

January 28, 2014, engrossed.

February 3, 2014, read third time, passed. Yeas 48, nays 0.

HOUSE ACTION

February 10, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety.

February 25, 2014, amended, reported — Do Pass.

February 27, 2014, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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## ENGROSSED

### SENATE BILL No. 354

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning  
military and veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2007,  
2       SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 9. (a) A county executive:

4               (1) shall designate and may:

5                       **(A) appoint a county service officer for a four (4) year**  
6                       **term; or**

7                       **(B) employ a county service officer; and**

8               (2) may employ service officer assistants;  
9       to serve the veterans of the county.

10       (b) The fiscal body of a city may provide for the employment by the  
11       mayor of a city service officer and service officer assistants to serve the  
12       veterans of the city.

13       (c) If the remuneration and expenses of a county or city service  
14       officer are paid from the funds of the county or city employing the  
15       service officer, the service officer shall:

16               (1) have the same qualifications and be subject to the same rules

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as the director, assistant director, and state service officers of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs; and

(2) serve under the supervision of the director of veterans' affairs.

A service officer assistant must have the same qualifications as an employee described in section 11(b) of this chapter. A rule contrary to this subsection is void.

(d) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds necessary for the purposes described in this section.

SECTION 2. IC 10-17-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]:

**Chapter 14. Hoosier Women Veterans Program**

**Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "coordinator" refers to the Hoosier women veterans coordinator designated under section 7 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by IC 10-17-1-2.**

**Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director of veterans' affairs.**

**Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Hoosier women veterans program established by section 6 of this chapter.**

**Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "women veterans" means women who:**

(1) served in the armed forces of the United States; and

(2) were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

**Sec. 6. The Hoosier women veterans program is established within the department. The program must be funded using the available resources of the department.**

**Sec. 7. The director may designate a coordinator who is responsible for the administration of the program under the direction and supervision of the director.**

**Sec. 8. The program has the following purposes and duties:**

(1) Perform outreach to improve women veterans' awareness of eligibility for federal and state veterans' services and benefits.

(2) Assess the needs of women veterans with respect to benefits and services.

(3) Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives designed to address or meet the needs of Indiana's women veterans.

(4) Make recommendations to the director to improve benefits



- 1           **and services for women veterans.**
- 2           **(5) Incorporate women veterans' issues in strategic planning**
- 3           **concerning benefits and services.**
- 4           **Sec. 9. The department may set the salary of the coordinator**
- 5           **using only the available resources of the department.**
- 6           **Sec. 10. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**
- 7           **implement this chapter.**



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 354, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 354 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

Senator Wyss, Chairperson

## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, to which was referred Senate Bill 354, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 4, after "." insert "**The program must be funded using the available resources of the department.**".

Page 2, line 5, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

Page 2, line 21, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

Page 2, line 21, after "coordinator" insert "**using only the available resources of the department**".

Page 2, line 22, delete "shall" and insert "**may**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to SB 354 as printed January 24, 2014.)

FRYE R, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 12, nays 0.



## HOUSE MOTION

Mr. Speaker: I move that Engrossed Senate Bill 354 be amended to read as follows:

Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 1. IC 10-17-1-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.144-2007, SECTION 9, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 9. (a) A county executive:

(1) shall designate and may:

**(A) appoint a county service officer for a four (4) year term; or**

**(B) employ a county service officer; and**

(2) may employ service officer assistants;

to serve the veterans of the county.

(b) The fiscal body of a city may provide for the employment by the mayor of a city service officer and service officer assistants to serve the veterans of the city.

(c) If the remuneration and expenses of a county or city service officer are paid from the funds of the county or city employing the service officer, the service officer shall:

(1) have the same qualifications and be subject to the same rules as the director, assistant director, and state service officers of the Indiana department of veterans' affairs; and

(2) serve under the supervision of the director of veterans' affairs.

A service officer assistant must have the same qualifications as an employee described in section 11(b) of this chapter. A rule contrary to this subsection is void.

(d) County and city fiscal bodies may appropriate funds necessary for the purposes described in this section."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to ESB 354 as printed February 25, 2014.)

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